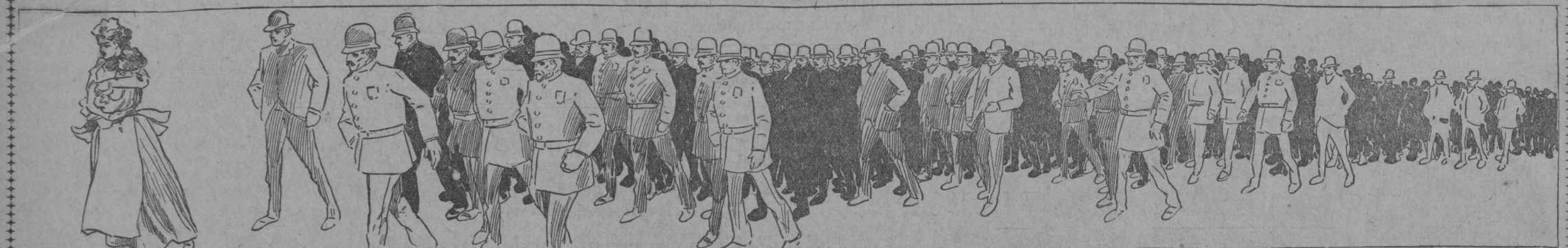


THE WOLF IN THE LAMB'S CLOTHING FOR STOLEN BABY.



FATHER'S AGONY REVEALED IN A PATHETIC LETTER.

Arthur W. Clark Writes to the Journal, Expressing His Deep Gratitude to All Who Have Sought to Aid Him in the Endeavor to Recover His Kidnapped Baby.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Sir—I cannot command words at this time to express my deep gratitude to the friends, the police, the newspapers and the kind citizens who have sought to aid me to recover my baby. I am fairly overwhelmed with the feelings of deep obligation which I owe in this respect, and I hope that when little Marion is found I shall be provided with a chance to better express my heartfelt thanks to those kind people who, by word and deed, have endeavored to lighten my burden.

My life is a double burden. The uncertainty over the fate of my baby is indeed a trying ordeal in itself for any man to face, but in addition to this I have to endure as well the sufferings of my wife. No one who has not seen her can know her dreadful agony of mind and heart. At times she is calm and quiet physically, but her mind is never quiet, not even in her sleep.

I have worked night and day, alone and with the police. I have gone off in every direction to investigate clues which promise something, only to return disappointed. Only one in my position can appreciate the awful task it is to come back home without the baby.

Captain McClusky is working like a Trojan on the case. He and his able detectives deserve the greatest praise for their untiring work, and I feel that when little Marion is found, which God grant she is, I shall never be able to repay them for their splendid work. My sense of obligation to the Journal and other newspapers which have so magnanimously come to my aid at this trying time, is deeply felt. I have often asked myself while engrossed in the hunt after my baby: "What, indeed, would I do but for these kind friends?" There is little to say beyond this. The newspapers have told the whole story, and with God's will they will also chronicle the finding of Marion and her restoration to us.

ARTHUR W. CLARK.

house search for the lost child. Captain McClusky says the kidnappers will be forced to abandon her.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE KIDNAPPING CASE.

Tuesday, May 16.—Carrie Jones was employed as nurse maid by Arthur Clark, No. 159 East 23rd street. She was taken away from her home by a man who called himself "John," and was found by the police in a rooming house at 159 East 23rd street. She was taken away from her home by a man who called himself "John," and was found by the police in a rooming house at 159 East 23rd street.

Sunday Morning, May 21.—Carrie Jones took Marion Clark, twenty months old, to Central Park. Captain McClusky followed in fifteen minutes and found the baby carriage which had been abandoned by the nurse maid. Neither the girl nor the baby have been seen since.

Sunday Afternoon, May 21.—Note delivered at Mr. Clark's home by a boy who said he received it from a young woman on the street. This note made it clear the child was kidnapped for the sake of ransom, and warned the father that if he reported the crime he would never see his child alive again.

Monday, May 22.—Sarah Johnson taken into custody as suspected accomplice. Tuesday, May 23.—C. M. Johnson appeared at Police Headquarters and tells that he saw a middle-aged woman whom he had previously seen at a restaurant and take a baby from the baby carriage. The woman and the nurse apparently met by appointment, and when the woman walked away with the child the nurse followed.

Wednesday, May 24.—Journal offers a reward of \$2,000 for the recovery of the child. Other rewards offered bring the total up to \$4,000. Sarah Johnson discharged from custody.

Carrie Jones is found not to be Maggie Car, of Deposit, as was at first announced. Police get track of the woman mentioned by Johnson by inquiries at pawn shops, and learn her name and address.

Thursday, May 25, 2 o'clock in the morning.—The child is still missing.

POLICE ARE ONLY GROPING IN THE DARK.

"The developments up to the present," said Captain McClusky last night, "do not throw any new light upon the motive for the abduction, or give the least clue to the whereabouts of the missing nurse and child. I am convinced now that the crime was planned by persons of intelligence, more or less familiar with police methods and able to anticipate the work of the police in clearing up the mystery."

"I think the nurse had a confederate, and perhaps more than one; but this is conjecture. It is not improbable that the girl acted alone and is being innocently protected in some home where the story of the abduction is not known. I am delighted at the reward offered by the Journal for the recovery of the child. The police are not authorized to offer a reward, and this is a case where the police can well afford to work hand in hand with the Journal."

"The large reward will certainly be an incentive for any person having a knowledge of the facts to make them known, and I believe the course taken by the Journal will more quickly bring the mystery to an end than anything the police can do."

"So far as the police are concerned, we are doing everything possible, but it is merely groping in the dark. "Lizzie and Nellie Carr, of Deposit, who are now living in this city, have also been found. The supposition that one of these was Carrie Jones was strong, but the girls have been seen by persons who knew the nurse and they declare that neither of them was the nurse."

"To sum up the case, I think that it was abduction with a motive not apparent from the known facts or else the child was stolen without any motive by a person not mentally responsible."

"We are but little nearer apparently to the end of the case than we were on the first day."

"Experience leads me to believe the baby will be abandoned and picked up by strangers in some place near the Clark home. It is a case where the police can well afford to work hand in hand with the Journal."

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? If you are going to the country later in the season begin NOW to make your inquiries. Thousands of Summer hotels and boarding houses are registered at the Journal's Summer Resort Information Bureau, Rooms 77 and 78, Journal Office, and among them you will surely find a place to suit your fancy.

JOURNAL OFFERS \$2,000 REWARD.

Others Follow the Example to Aid Recovery of Child. Aggregate Now \$4,100.

NO outburst of popular feeling has been more spontaneous than that which followed the publication of the pitiful story of the stealing of little Marion Clark. It went home to every heart.

The Journal, in touch with public feeling, appreciating and respecting the sincerity of the sympathy which was everywhere expressed for the unhappy parents, and endeavoring to give practical form and expression to that sympathy, offered yesterday A REWARD OF \$2,000 AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED, for information which should lead to the recovery of the child.

To this amount are now added \$1,000 offered by the Evening World, \$500 by Theodore B. Starr, \$500 by an anonymous philanthropist, and \$100 by James J. Coogan.

If you have knowledge which, if made public, will bring about the return of this hapless child to a mother whose grief has already broken her health and driven her to the verge of madness, here is a matter of \$4,100 which is yours.

There is no reason why every honest man and woman should not be a detective, seeking with might and main the solution of this saddest mystery that newspapers have in a long time been called upon to tell.

OLD WOMAN IN THE CASE IDENTIFIED.

THE police were inclined yesterday to throw cold water on the clue furnished by C. M. Johnson, who said he saw the baby stolen. He saw the baby taken away at 5 o'clock, instead of 12, the hour at which little Marion disappeared.

The police say that there is nothing remarkable in the fact that he saw a baby taken from a carriage and carried off. That is done hundreds of times a day in the Park. Notwithstanding this attitude, they admitted that they were keeping a close watch on Johnson. He was not a lodging house, in East Twenty-third street that frequents, but Captain McClusky has him under surveillance.

Detectives have found the old woman whom Johnson said he saw help kidnap the baby. They refuse to give her name, but say that she has been arrested several times in this city, who came from Deposit, but whose name he had not found anything of value in clearing up the case.

Detectives are hunting for another Johnson woman, than the one found in East Houston street. This clue, however, is looked upon by Captain McClusky as of little value, as he believes the nurse girl used a fictitious name and also an imaginary name for her friend.

BOY KIDNAPPED FROM BROOKLYN SCHOOL.

THE police of Brooklyn have also a kidnapping mystery on hand.

A fashionably dressed woman called at Public School No. 84, at Glenmore and Stone avenues, at 1:30 p. m. on Tuesday and against the protests of Principal Weed carried off David Tapitzky, six years of age. The child's mother lives only a block distant from the school.

The woman who took the boy away is of blonde complexion and about twenty-four years of age. Miss Van Wageningen, the boy's teacher, received her. The stranger said that she was little David's aunt and that his mother had sent her to bring him home. Principal Weed was summoned and cross-questioned the woman. He called up the boy and asked him if he knew her. "Yes; that's my aunt," he said.

He seemed pleased to see her. On Tuesday night the boy's mother notified the police of the Eastern Parkway station that he was missing. Detectives Crank and Lynch have worked continuously on the case since.

The father of the boy is Jacob Tapitzky. He is twenty-eight years of age and is a manufacturer of silk waistcoats at No. 560 Liberty avenue. He employed several women. His profile wore about \$75 a week. Tapitzky was married ten years ago and has a son and a daughter, the latter three years of age.

Two months ago he told his father, Abraham Tapitzky, of No. 45 Watkins street, that he would like to get a divorce. He is said to have extended to a friend the chance of a woman friend who possessed \$12,000. He was fond of his little son, and on May 6 took him to New York for the first time.

The boy told his mother when they returned that his father and he had met a nice woman, who had given him a new suit of clothes and some candy. When they had all dinner together and had gone to a theatre. His father had told him that the nice lady was his aunt and he was to call her that.

Mrs. Tapitzky refused thereafter to let the boy go with his father. The latter left his wife on May 12, and has not been seen since either at his home or his place of business.

Mrs. Tapitzky afterward found a note in some of his clothing, the contents of which were as follows:

Dear Jacob: Please call as soon as possible. I want to see you. LOU.

Mrs. Tapitzky believes that the woman who enticed her child from school is the same woman who has her father met in New York on May 6.

The boy has light hair, cut short, and blue eyes. He wore at school a white sailor jacket, black knickerbockers, buttoned shoes and a black cap. This suit was given him by the strange woman.



Mrs. Arthur W. Clark, Mother of the Stolen Child. (Photographed by Dana.) She is suffering from nervous prostration through shock and fear for the safety of her little one. Her reason is threatened if the child is not restored to her soon.

NO TRACE YET OF CLARK'S BABY GIRL.

McClusky Tells Father There Is Good Hope—Mrs. Clark Suffers an Attack of Facial Paralysis.

IT was for money that Baby Marion Clark was kidnapped.

The first word that reached the stricken parents after their child had vanished was a brutal demand for money, but the fact that the father is a poor man who, by his own admission, could not raise more than a few hundred dollars, made it seem incredible that the abduction of his baby was not the work of some enemy, and done for the purpose of revenge.

But the abductors knew what they were about. They had not only planned with fiendish nicety, but had reckoned upon the outpouring of public sympathy toward Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

They knew that every heart must turn toward a poor man and his wife, robbed of their little one, and that money would be offered for the child's ransom, even if her parents were not possessors of a sum sufficient.

In that they reasoned well. The story of the sufferings of that father and mother has gone home to every right heart.

The Journal, prompt and eager to aid the unfortunate and allay suffering, even if in so doing it served the purposes of the kidnappers, offered yesterday a reward of \$2,000. With this substantial initiative other profers followed, and last night the offered rewards for the information which would lead to the child's return reached up into the thousands.

EFFECT IS ALREADY APPARENT.

The efficacy of this measure will be apparent very speedily—its perhaps apparent already, for within a few hours after the offer of the reward was made public, news was given to Mr. Clark at Police Headquarters which has lifted a part of the heavy load which has for days lain on his heart, and sent him home with a cheering word for the distracted mother.

There is unhappily too strong reason for fearing that the relief even such news has done too late to avert the utter collapse, against which the wretched woman has been battling. Her physician reported to the Journal last night that partial paralysis of the face had set in and that she was on the verge of complete prostration.

The father, torn by his fears and worn by sleeplessness, holds himself together by heroic effort, and even after the encouraging report which was sent to him yesterday by the police, seemed half numb and insensible to the hope with which they tried to inspire him.

He tried to speak cheerfully and hopefully, but it was all marked by effort which told more plainly than words could that he did not more than half believe the good news announced to him at Captain McClusky's office.

After returning home yesterday he wandered restlessly from room to room, and at little intervals came out upon the street and walked nervously a little way, arm in arm with his brother, with whom he talked in excited fashion, cogitating much.

He bore with the questioning of newspaper men and others whose business made necessary to make inquiries of him, but he answered wearily. Only once he smiled, a dim, desperate mockery of a smile.

At intervals he stretched himself out upon the sofa, and then, at some question which he answered wearily. Only once he smiled, a dim, desperate mockery of a smile.

\$4,100 IN REWARDS OFFERED TO THOSE WHO WILL RETURN BABY.

The Journal	\$2,000
The Evening World	1,000
Theodore B. Starr	500
Anonymous (through the Journal)	500
James J. Coogan	100
Total	\$4,100

BEREAVED MOTHER IN GREAT DANGER. CLARK'S NEIGHBORS TALK OF THE CASE.

Is Suffering from Nervous Prostration and Facial Paralysis. Positive That the Father Knows Nothing About the Child's Whereabouts.

IF the person who carried off Marion Clark do not bring her back pretty soon, or if they are not discovered, the moral crime of murder may possibly be added to that of kidnapping. The loss of her child may kill Mrs. William Clark.

Mrs. Clark's condition yesterday was most serious. She did not leave her room, except to rush to the hallway and peer over the balustrade every time the bell rang. She simply could not control herself at such moments, for each ring might mean news from her lost darling.

When there was nothing to attract her attention, she found it impossible to keep quiet for a moment. It was evident to all about her that she was suffering terribly. After a moment of apparent calm she would begin to sob hysterically and, catching up her three-months-old baby, would strain her to her breast, meaning that she, at least, could not be taken from her.

And she would walk nervously up and down the room, every now and then kneeling and praying to the Lord to send her back her child. Time and again she said: "Oh, why did she not take all the little property we have and leave me my Marion?"

At such times her husband would sit and look at her suffering, and his eyes would fill with tears at the thought that he had no message with which he could console her.

Dr. S. J. O'Neill, of No. 247 East Eighty-sixth street, the Clark's regular family physician, attended her yesterday. He said to a Journal reporter last evening: "I should refuse to talk about the condition of one of my patients. But this case has attracted such widespread attention that I make it an exception as far as I am concerned."

"Mrs. Clark is suffering from a form of facial paralysis technically known as hemiplegia. It distorts her face on the right side and makes it difficult for her to close her right eye. The right corner of her mouth is also drawn down. Her condition is that of a distracted woman and she suffers terribly. Hers is a case of complete nervous prostration. I am prescribing sedatives for her in the hope that she may get some sleep."

Mrs. Clark received many expressions of sympathy from strangers and her friends are doing everything in their power to distract her attention from the calamity that has befallen her. They fear that the shock and strain may affect her mind.

KNOCKOUT BLOW FOR SALT LAKE MORMONS.

Treasury Department Accepts the Federal Building Site from the Gentiles, and Refuses Church Offer.

Washington, May 24.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor settled the question of the site for the Federal building at Salt Lake City today by selecting the Walker property, corner of Main and Market streets. This is a knockout for the Mormons, who offered a site free two weeks ago.

No sooner was this done than the Gentiles organized and offered a free site to the Government, which has \$200,000 to expend on a public building. Elder Cannon of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who is the shrewdest of inducers the Treasury Department to take the gift the Mormons offered.

Mr. Taylor to-night discouraged the idea that the Administration had knowingly dealt the Mormons a rebuff. "The Walker site was selected," he said, "without any reference to the controversy between Gentile and Mormon, but in the interest of the Government and Salt Lake City. It was the best site."

THIS AIR SHIP IS BACKED BY CAPITALISTS.

Professor Hite, of Peary Expedition Fame, is Builder, and It Will Have a Real Test in June.

Burlington, N. J., May 24.—An immense air ship is in course of construction here, the invention of Professor Hite, of the Peary arctic expedition, and Professor King, the well-known balloonist, of Philadelphia.

A working model was put on exhibition some time since, and a number of managers formed a company and furnished the capital for building a working machine. The motive power will be furnished by a small engine weighing about fifty pounds, and the car attachment will be buoyed up by an immense balloon.

The motive power is a secret of Mr. Hite, chimney boat forming an important ingredient. The machine will make a trial on the Trenton Fair Grounds in the latter part of June.

WOODRUFF LEAVES TAX BILL TO ITS FATE.

Lieutenant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff yesterday for Southampton. The Lieutenant-Governor said that he expected to be absent seven or eight days on a business trip. "When I left Albany," he said, "I looked very much as if the Legislature would pass a Franchise Tax bill, based on the provisions of the Ford bill and differing from it in no salient particulars."

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